GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF PASSENGER AIRCRAFT BY H.A.L.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has decided to enter into an agreement with a French Aviation Company ATR for producing passenger aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on the project is likely to commence and the first aircraft expected to be ready?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has initialled a cooperation agreement with ATR in January 2001 for co-production of 50-70 seater passenger aircraft, with a phased increase in HAL`s share upto 50%.

(c) The work on the project would commence on receipt of orders. The delivery of the first aircraft would be possible in six months thereafter.